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SD National Guard welcomes four new warrant officers

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard welcomed four new warrant officers to its ranks following a commissioning ceremony at Fort McClellan, Alabama, April 8.

Warrant officers make up the technical foundation of the Army, specializing in a technical area, like intelligence, aviation, or maintenance throughout their careers.

The newly commissioned warrant officers began the three-phase Warrant Officer Candidate School with online courses and training. Five months of drill weekends held at Fort Meade would follow before candidates attend the final two-week phase in Alabama.

Candidates are tested throughout WOCS both academically and physically in areas ranging from leadership to tactics.

“Warrant Officer Candidate School is a very demanding and stressful course,” said Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler, South Dakota Army National Guard state command chief warrant officer. “These four Soldiers started out last October when they began zero phase and culminated with their appointment to warrant officer one. I could not be more proud of these new warrant officers and it was my honor to be able to attend their graduation and pinning ceremony.”

The newly commissioned warrant officers are:

Christopher Frost, of Groton
Ashton Hanisch, of Sioux Falls
Kenneth Maas, of Mitchell
Eric Price, of Miller

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High-resolution photos are available at www.flickr.com/photos/southdakotationalguard



170408-Z-ZZ999-002: U.S. Army Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler, center, the South Dakota Army National Guard’s state command chief warrant officer, welcomes four new warrant officers to the organization following a commissioning ceremony at Fort McClellan, Alabama, April 8, 2017. The newly commissioned warrant officers, pictured left to right, are: Warrant Officer One Ashton Hanisch, of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Kenneth Maas, of Mitchell, S.D.; Eric Price, of Miller, S.D.; and Christopher Frost, of Groton, S.D. (U.S. Army National Guard courtesy photo)

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